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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before issuance of an Office Action on the merits.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that not better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as "prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents to not constitute

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"prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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